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FARMER ORGANIZATIONS HOLD CALGARY CONVENTIONS

MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS MAJOR PROBLEM TODAY

Marler Tells Convention of Alberta Federation of Agriculture

REVIEWS FARM SCENE

Discusses Parity, Floor Prices, International Agreements, and Other Issues

"While our production troubles remains numerous and are aggravated by agricultural conditions, our major economic problem today is contained in the field of marketing," stated Roy C. Marler of Bremner, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in his address to the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Federation in the Palliser Hotel on Monday of this week.

This declaration followed a comprehensive and lucid survey of the agricultural scene in Canada today, and of the wide field of activities of the Federation.

Challenge to Farm Organizations

"This question of marketing," said the President, "is of such importance to the daily living of our citizens, that it continues to challenge the major attention of our agricultural organizations. To meet this challenge, I solicit your continued loyal support and co-operation for the one organization that was formed and has continuously striven to serve the man on the soil on every front."

With a total membership of 54 affiliate bodies the Federation is the spokesman of all the major farmer organizations in the Province.

Major Policies Outlined

Reports presented by the directors of its various sections and by the delegates from the member organizations are designed to cover very thoroughly the economic and educational aspects of the farm movement in the Province; as well as the interests of the farm home. Reports of the President and Board and Secretary-treasurer were dealt with on Monday, when, in the evening, Orrin Hart showed a series of most interesting pictures on the screen, illustrating features of his life as a Nuffield Scholar in Britain.

Resolutions on major questions, and the election of officers will be dealt with in our next issue, as the meeting had not concluded its sessions at press time.

Surveys Agricultural Scene

Reviewing the agricultural scene in its broadest aspects, Mr. Marler said that after the war agricultural policies had been formulated to best meet peace-time conditions, whereas at the end of 1950 we were facing up to a

Convention Chooses F.U.A. Executive



Elected by the delegates to the Third Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, members of the Executive of the Union took a few minutes off from Convention responsibilities to have this photograph taken for *The Western Farm Leader*. Standing, left to right, are: Rudolf Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; Carl J. Stimpfle, Egremont; Andrew R. Wood, Dewberry; seated, Henry Young, Millet, President; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Wainwright, President of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta; James Jackson, Irma, Vice-President.

Co-op Seeks Plan to Open Iran Refineries

KANSAS CITY. — The International Co-operative Petroleum Association is negotiating with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company concerning the opening of Iran's oil refineries. This announcement was made by Howard A. Cowden, president, to the recent annual meeting in this city of Consumers' Co-operative Association.

reverse in international relations, "that of major defence programs in all their magnitude affecting the daily living of almost every individual throughout the universe." Among the policies intended to project into the future a stabilizing influence was the International Wheat Agreement.

"The price schedules in the agreement being constantly below the price received for wheat sold outside the agreement — a condition resulting perhaps entirely from the reverse in international relations and the necessity for nearly all nations to adopt policies of rearmament rather than for immediate peace — exposed the wheat agreement to severe criticism, and was particularly convenient material for the use of those who had lost their stranglehold on wheat trading."

Initiated by Prairie Provinces

The present marketing arrangement had been initiated in the Prairie Provinces, "in accordance with policies adopted by organized agriculture, covering all the Provinces of Canada,

Next Issue January 11

The Christmas and the New Year Holidays, intervene between this and the next regular issue of the *Leader* presenting difficulties of production; and it has been decided to omit the first January issue. The next issue will be dated January 11, 1952.

and by the support of national farm organizations in those countries who are signatories to the Wheat Agreement."

Without the strong support of these various national farm organizations, the agreement could not have been consummated. The aim was to stabilize prices over a longer period of time, which would result, ultimately, in the best interests of both producer and consumer countries. "It was not expected to meet short-term fluctuations of peak and low prices."

No Nation Guessed Correctly

Mr. Marler believed that no nation had guessed correctly in signing this agreement, as everyone looked forward to a prolonged term of years of peace. While we still looked forward to averting another major conflict, defence programs had raised the prices of non-agricultural products and services, seriously affected the relationship of prices in the agreement to other prices. It had had a stabilizing effect among the producer, but perhaps a more pronounced benefit to the consumer countries.

"The real value of such agreements," said Mr. Marler, "can only be determined after experience in marketing through both expanding and declining periods of international trade. Our ab-

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INTEREST IS KEEN IN FARMERS' UNION THIRD CONVENTION

Multitude of Issues Dealt With in Sessions Lasting Five Days

GAS EXPORT PROTESTED

Constitutional Amendment Fails to Win Necessary Three-fourths Vote

Large numbers of visitors from rural areas and a very considerable number from the city swelled the totals attending the sessions of the Third Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta in Calgary, attesting to widespread interest in the organization and its policies. At times the Crystal Room of the Palliser Hotel was filled to capacity.

From Monday to Friday

The fact that by far the greater number of delegates stayed through the sessions, morning, afternoon and evening (with one evening off for the dance), from Monday until Friday, though a change in the weather brought the threat of difficult roads, was evidence of the keenness of all to complete the transaction of the Convention business of their Union. Friday, however, especially after noon, showed quick thinning of attendance of delegates.

The Convention dealt with a multitude of problems, including those of marketing of farm products; rural electrification under public ownership; export of natural gas — which they asked to have prohibited. They heard addresses, from J. L. Phelps, President of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, whose discussion of differences with the Federation of Agriculture brought a rejoinder from President Roy Marler of the Alberta Federation, and a further statement by Mr. Phelps; from Hon. David Ure, Alberta's Minister of Agriculture, who covered a wide range of problems; and from several fraternal delegates.

The most contentious question to come before the Convention was debated during the Monday afternoon session.

It related to the ousting of "known Communists" from the organization — a question with a stormy background. This year, there was a keen debate, with some show of strong feelings; but tempers were well in hand and later debates gave no evidence of any carryover of bitterness.

Required Three-fourths Majority

The resolution, which would have given certain powers of expulsion to the Board, was lost; being a constitutional amendment, a three-fourths majority was required, and

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



Year End Message to our Members and Friends

WE note that a year ago we had the privilege of subscribing a short article at the time of our President's Christmas Greeting. This year we are an issue behind, and intentionally so, as we wished our short article to appear in the last issue of the year.

It is not an uncommon custom at the year end to sort of adjudicate what you have done in the year and what is happening in the rest of the world.

What We Hope For

If we were to deal with the latter first, of course, we know it goes without saying that your thoughts would be the same as our own, namely, that you are hoping day by day that there will be, first, peace in Korea and an honorable peace; second, that the disagreements in Iran and in Egypt will be settled in a satisfactory manner, and that there will be more unanimity of thinking in our United Nations. If those things could be accomplished for Christmas, what extra happiness there would be throughout the world!

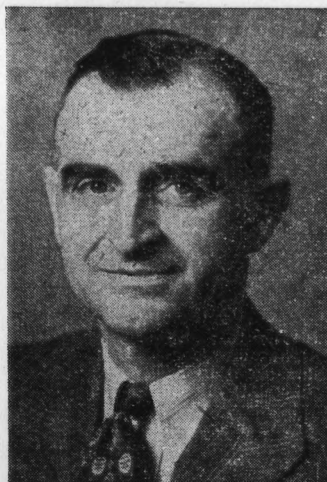
Albeit the outlook at the present moment is not too favorable for any of those things being realities very soon. It is still our duty as praying and thinking people to pray earnestly and to think straight. Much more, we know, is accomplished by sincere devotions than many of

us would at most times care to admit.

As Concerns Ourselves

Now on the first one — adjudication of the year that has just passed, as it particularly concerns you and ourselves. As the President has indicated in his Christmas Message to you, our business is having what might be considered a fairly satisfactory year. The first half of it was particularly good; but there has been a considerable falling off in production in the last few months which, of course, immediately shows up adversely in our operating results.

Notwithstanding the change that there has been, we can anticipate going into the New Year with our business still in very good health, and while production — wise the view doesn't seem to be too hopeful, there is a tendency on the part of our members to increase their flocks of poultry or herds of dairy cows. We are sure



bandry, in the years immediately ahead will soon very fully realize that livestock of the right type are like farm equipment, and if disposed of, it is more difficult and more costly to get them back.

Our very best wishes to you all for the year end, and we certainly hope in 1952 the weather will be kind enough to give you all a full opportunity of completing your harvest before snowfall comes once more. If for no other reason, the law of averages might help a little; we have had two years in a row of snow coming before the crops were in.

Sincerely yours,

ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE,
General Manager.

that all that do, if they are able to give them proper hus-

Your Future Hangs on the Dairy Cow

The Canadian Department of Agriculture, in its desire to promote a better use of food as well as a better use of land, is resuming through its Consumers' Section and other departmental agencies, former peace-time activities in getting Canadian people better acquainted with home-produced foods.

During the next few months, dairy products, which logically form part of a national program of conservation — from soils to men — will be featured throughout the country. Here are a few facts which any producer or consumer should keep in mind:

A Few Important Facts

(1) Dairy products are basic products; in any health program, in any daily diet, they command priority, whether it be for children or adults.

(2) Dairy industry in Canada is perhaps the best guarantee of stability for the large majority of our farming population — the cow is the home market for grasses and grasses are a "must" in soil conservation.

Take Abundance for Granted

(3) Canadians are inclined to take for granted the abundance of our dairy products and use them loosely whereas we should take advantage of those abundant supplies to bring our diet into a better balance and improve our stan-

dard of living.

(4) For the same amount of money, the consumer cannot get the same essentials from other foods as those supplied by dairy products — calories in butter and protein in milk

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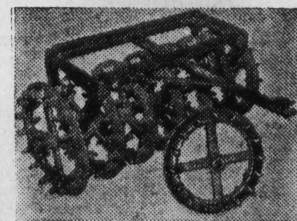
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One of Best Channels

(5) Butter itself takes almost half of our milk production and constitutes one of the best channels — in some cases the only channel — through which milk produced from small farms located far from consuming centres can be marketed.

(6) Cheese is a high protein food, the consumption of which could be increased if our population had a better knowledge of this product — our average consumption is 4 to 5 pounds a year, whereas it is between 15 and 20 pounds in such countries as Denmark and Switzerland.

These are only a few among many reasons which justify the Department fostering a movement for a more thorough knowledge of dairy products on the part of the consumers as well as of the producers themselves.

Must Remain in Hospital

In our last issue we reported the very regrettable accident suffered by one of our directors, Bert Bradley of Lacombe, and we said that he was making good progress towards recovery.

We have since learned that the progress towards recovery was not maintained and Bert suffered a relapse which will necessitate his remaining in hospital probably until after Christmas.

Our good wishes go out to him for as Happy a Christmas as is possible under the circumstance.

Alberta Wheat Pool**Annual Meeting**

(Continued from last issue)

The Alberta Wheat Pool will distribute \$1,440,513 to its member patrons during the coming year, through the purchase of reserves and the paying of cash patronage dividends, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Pool in Calgary.

A sum of \$1,040,385 has been set aside for the purchase of commercial and elevator reserves built up during the 1923-28 period.

A total of \$400,128 has been appropriated for a cash patronage dividend to member patrons on their 1950-51 deliveries. A further patronage dividend of Pool reserves to the value of \$1,040,385 was authorized by the delegates, making a patronage distribution totalling in value \$1,440,513.

After the proposed distribution to members, \$183,483 remains as the undistributed surplus of net earnings. Of this amount an estimated \$83,390 will be paid out as income tax, leaving approximately \$100,093 to be added to the working capital of the organization.

Patronage Dividends

Patronage dividends will be paid on the following basis:

Wheat and flax: 3 3/5c per bushel, of which 1c will be in cash.

Oats, barley and rye: 1 4/5c per bushel, with 1/2c being paid in cash.

The redemption of the commercial and elevator reserves from the 1923-28 period will be on a much more extensive scale this year than has been the practice in recent years. The basis of purchase will be as follows:

1. A 35 per cent rateable purchase from all holders of commercial and elevator reserve deductions as at February 15th, 1952, providing purchase does not reduce holdings below the value of \$5.

2. From estates of members who die on or before February 15, 1952.

3. From members not engaged in farming or possessed of farm land as at February 15th, 1952.

And from any residue of the fund remaining,

4. From members 65 years of age or over as at February 15th, 1952 from the oldest age downward.

Current Assets

The current assets of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Alberta Pool Elevators, Limited, totalled, at July 31st, 1951, \$17,397,347 and current liabilities totalled \$13,500,513, leaving a net working capital of \$3,896,834. K. J. Morrison, C.A., of Harvey Morrison and Co., Auditors, reported.

The value of all assets, after deducting liabilities, was \$9,703,631, at July 31st, 1951. That sum comprises the members' equity in the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Population Increases, Food Production Lags

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While the world's population has increased by 12 per cent since the end of World War II, food production had increased only 9 per cent, declared Morris E. Dodd, FAO head, at the recent meeting of the council of that organization. At last, however, he said, nations "seem to be preparing for a genuine large scale world war against want. I am confident that such a war can be won."

cash patronage dividends, \$2,922,321; Purchased elevator and commercial reserves, \$5,881,327; Total \$25,293,486

During the past business year the increase in Pool membership was 2,507. Since 1939 the number of new members was 27,465 more.

Thinks Will Be Satisfied

Dr. J. A. Anderson, Chief Chemist of The Board of Grain Commissioners, told the Alberta Pool delegates that although the bulk of this year's wheat deliveries would be grades 3 Northern or 4 Northern, the protein content and the baking strength of these grades was good, and he thought that overseas millers would be generally satisfied with the quality.

Two-thirds Tough or Damp

F. A. Dollery, Chief Inspector of the Board of Grain Commissioners, informed Alberta Wheat Pool delegates that fully two-thirds of this year's inspections in the prairies were either tough or damp. Mildew, he said, was

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This is in line with the policy of the co-operative under the Revolving Door Plan of financing, of paying out earlier deferred dividends in cash and deferring current dividends.

The main degrading factor in the prairie crop this year, its growth being largely due to the wet weather next year, he did not expect that it would again be a problem.

IN THE DAWN FOREVER

"Man lives in the dawn forever. Our past has no other mission than to equip us for the present and the future. Its precedents should not be allowed to divert at this moment one particle of our energy that could be devoted to constructive advance."

Over the generations and centuries mankind has achieved steady progress. This has been done mainly through united action against economic and political tyranny.

While wars and depressions may temporarily stay or slow down the progress of mankind in the march towards freedom and better living for all, the movement is never completely halted. Somewhere or other new recruits are being enlisted and new forces developed. The march is forever forward.

The Wheat Pool movement in Western Canada is one phase of mankind's march towards economic emancipation. It has laid the foundation for the establishment, for all time to come, of a physical system of handling grain the ownership of which rests with the grain producers. This is one of the most important steps ever taken by a group of farmers anywhere in the world.

The responsibility for carrying on the Wheat Pool movement, and for making Pool elevator organizations in every province growing concerns, rests now with younger generations of farmers. It is the responsibility of such generations to build great superstructures on the foundations so well and truly laid.



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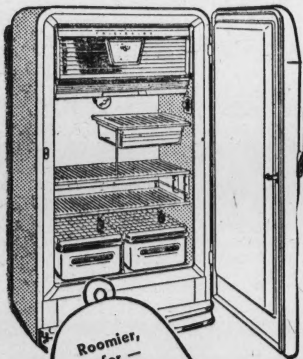
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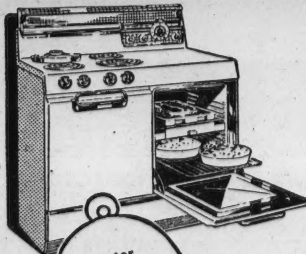


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FARM PEOPLE IN CONVENTION

Since our last issue went to press, two important conventions of Alberta farm people have been in session — the second of them has not quite completed its agenda as these lines are written.

The Farmers' Union of Alberta rests on individual membership in the men's and women's Locals throughout the Province, upon joint Locals, and the Junior Branch. It is the last of the affiliate member organizations of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture to hold its sessions before the Annual Meeting of the Federation.

The Federation is representative of some 54 organizations, including every major farm co-operative in the Province, and smaller organizations. Delegates from all these come together at the Federation's Annual Meeting to pool ideas and experience and compare the conclusions which each has reached upon questions of Provincial and National, and even International policy — always primarily from the point of view of the man on the land and his interests.

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The large attendance of visitors, in addition to the 528 delegates, bore testimony during the F.U.A. Convention last week to the keen interest which is taken in the affairs of this primary organization by rural people — as well as by many in the city of Calgary.

Delegates do not spend five successive days and four evenings in discussion of the economic problems of their industry unless they are very earnest about them. The Convention was virile and proved its value as a forum for the discussion of ideas and policies.

Differences of opinion there were, it is true, and there was intense feeling upon some issues but there was good humor and tolerance.

Critics in the press and elsewhere (as everybody with a nodding acquaintance with the farm movement knows) make a blunder of the first order if they regard the sharpness of division revealed in the vote on the most contentious resolution of the week as indicating, so far as the vast majority were concerned, anything more than a genuine, honestly held difference of judgment as to the best means of maintaining the tradition of British democracy which has become the tradition of Canada.

Large numbers of men and women whose long records of service, and devotion to our traditions, have always been beyond questions, were to be found among those who took different sides in the voting because they did honestly differ. The differences turned upon their respective judgment as to what the best means of maintaining that tradition might be. Voting on the one side or on the other side, such men and women were serving what they believed to be the best interests of the organization and of Canada.

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We were privileged to be present during the closing proceedings of the Convention in

FROM YEAR TO YEAR

Now that the year is old and nears its end,
The hopes its coming kindled long since fled,
Our thoughts reach out and eagerly extend
A welcome to the year that lies ahead.
We watch a new year come, an old year go,
And zealously to some strange faith hold fast—
That in a new year we are sure to know
A happier fate than in the year just past.

It well may be that year by year we draw,
By halting steps, toward the vaunted goal
Of brotherhood and universal law. —
We cannot measure progress by the scroll
That history pens blindly, knowing not
What for the new years old years have begot.

— ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

1909 which brought about the first amalgamation of farmers' organizations in Alberta; and since the first war ended in 1919 we have attended every Convention of the U.F.A. and of its successor the F.U.A., as well as some held by the former A.F.U.

In the light of this experience, we think we may venture to make a suggestion. It is that the value of the Annual Conventions of the Union might be greatly enhanced if, in discussion of resolutions, delegates and officers of the Union who have special knowledge, by reason of service as delegates to the conventions of the various farm co-operatives, would show greater activity in debate.

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Such intervention proved most valuable this year in the matter of egg and poultry marketing policy, and in dealing with marketing boards. But the discussion of future policy in the marketing of some major farm products might have been much more fruitful, if a similar course had been followed.

Perhaps some farmers who now occupy important offices on the boards of the co-operatives are somewhat reluctant to take the initiative in such cases. We think it would be of advantage to encourage them to do so more frequently. They could impart valuable information to the Convention, and in turn they might learn a great deal from direct exchanges with the delegates of the Union whose point of view has its special value.

KURT MEYER'S GUILT

(From the Ottawa Citizen, Dec. 4th.)

Kurt Meyer, the Nazi general now serving life imprisonment for responsibility in the shooting of Canadian prisoners, was defended in a letter printed on this page the other day. The Citizen's correspondent argued that since Canadian soldiers, particularly infantrymen, were guilty of shooting German prisoners, to convict Meyer of the same deed meant setting up a double moral standard. The facts in the case indicate that the letter writer's conclusions are wholly misleading.

In the course of actual fighting, Canadian infantrymen sometimes shot Germans who intended to surrender, or had already done so. There were two main reasons for this. The Canadians might suspect an ambush—and, indeed, it did happen, and not rarely, that German soldiers who signalled they were ready to surrender were in fact preparing to bushwhack their captors, secondly, individual infantrymen, ordered to escort one

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NUFFIELD SCHOLAR IN BRITAIN

Impressions Given Convention

"NOTHING that may ever happen to me can exceed this trip for interest and educational value," declared Orrin Hart, of Claresholm, at the conclusion of an account, given to the F.U.A. Convention, of the time spent in the British Isles as a Nuffield scholar.

One of Two Canadians

Mr. Hart was one of two young Canadian farmers to win the scholarship in 1951 — the first time it had been presented outside of the British Isles.

In London, the two Canadians had met the young farmers from other parts of the Commonwealth, at a banquet at the Savoy Hotel — a very "posh" place, Mr. Hart explained. They were moved about the table at intervals, so that they all met and talked to leaders of the National Farmers' Union, the Minister of Agriculture, the Canadian High Commissioner, and other prominent men.

"Regard Us as Your Rich Uncle"

The next day the secretary of the Nuffield Foundation said to them: "Here's Britain. It's all yours. You can go where you like. Just regard us as your rich uncle." Through the N.F.U. they had invitations to visit farms throughout the country. Mr. Hart's first stay was at a 800-acre farm in Surrey, most efficiently run, with a staff of 25 men. Being so near London, the crops included vegetables for that immense market.

Mr. Hart bought a car, and John McLean of Nova Scotia, the other Canadian, travelled with him until Mr. McLean "got black fever" — he wearied of looking at Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Mr. Hart as an Aberdeen-Angus breeder himself, of course, was particularly anxious to see all he could of the British herds of this breed.

Names in Visitors' Book

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to a large, very modern dairy, in Scotland. Glancing back through the Visitors' Book, Mr. Hart happened to see the name of Ben S. Plumer at the top of a page, followed by those of J. E. Brownlee, George E. Church, and Roy Marler.

On another occasion, the Canadians felt highly honored when invited to have tea at another Scottish farm, to meet "the neighbors", who turned out to be Lord Boyd Orr and his wife. They felt it a great privilege to talk to the distinguished former head of the F.A.O.

Most Highly Mechanized

They got a look — "just a look" at Ireland, in a hurried five day visit. One of the things they saw was a large pig factory, with a very modern feeding system.

Incidentally, Mr. Hart remarked that he had been much surprised at the mechanization of British farms. "Britain today," he said, "is the most highly mechanized country, per acre, in the world."

They had made some investigations into the conditions of farm labor, to the extent of posing as job-hunters occasionally. Farm wages they found to be very low, about half the rates prevailing here. Farm workers lived in their own cottages, some of them very modern, built by the Labor Government and provided at a nominal rent.

Plan Ensures Laborers' Freedom

Mr. Hart had heard some criticism of this, which he did not think justified. If these government-built houses were not available, the farm worker had to live in housing provided by his employer, and this of course limited

his freedom to change jobs.

Beef Mr. Hart found sold at about half Canadian prices; mutton was about the same as here and pork only slightly lower. The Government subsidizes farm products, and the farmer gets more for his beef than the consumer pays.

Every little town, said Mr. Hart, has its weekly market. Few farmers finish their beef or sheep; they generally sell them to other farmers better equipped to do the job. The Government buys the finished animals. There are a great many grades, with finish a bigger factor than breed. The farmer had a grader, and if he and the Government grader didn't agree, a third, independent grader was called in. Payment was made on rail rate basis.

"Musts" for Canadians

Two "musts" for the Canadian visitors were the two big shows, the Royal Highland and the Royal Cambridge. These are not so much commercialized as ours, and very dignified affairs. The sheep dog trials were immensely interesting, the feats of the dogs being almost incredible.

Sheep raising in the Highlands of Scotland was often on a very large scale, one farm comprising 60,000 acres. The black-faced sheep were a very hardy breed, — to withstand the damp climate — and, while losses were high, the survivors represented almost clear profit.

Makes Television Show

In Scotland, too, the young Canadians saw very large cattle farms, one at Fort William carrying between four and five hundred head. Here Mr. Hart's impromptu demonstration of calf roping made a BBC television show. His struggles with improvised lariat and with ponies to whom this type of work was quite foreign, were most amusingly described.

The breeding programs of the Old Country cattlemen were studied. The great majority seldom go outside their own herds for sires, fixing a certain type so that it becomes almost possible to spot their animals. Conversations with genetics specialists were most useful.

Agricultural colleges and plant breeding stations were visited. At one, experiments were being carried on in breeding grasses. "I had thought that timothy was timothy," remarked Mr. Hart, "but here I saw hundreds of strains developed for resistance to disease, or to withstand flooding, or for many other special purposes."

The Canadian visitors were everywhere very warmly welcomed, especially in Scotland where Mr. Hart spent a good deal of time. Mr. Hart traveled 11,000 miles in his own car, and 2,000 by other means, making two complete circle tours.

Mr. Hart extended warm congratulations to Bruce Ellis, the 1952 winner. —A.T.S.

F.U.A. DELEGATES NUMBER 528

Delegates and officials entitled to vote at the Convention, numbered 528, of whom 91 were women. The total was made up of 481 delegates, 24 members of the F.U.A. Board, 14 of the F.W.U.A. Board, 7 of the Junior Board, and 2 representatives of the Veterans' Section.

Convention chairmen were President Young, A. B. Wood, C. J. Stimpfle, Uri Powell, James Jackson, Geo. Roth, Alfred Macyk.

Young Farmer Reports



ORRIN HART

F.U.A. CONVENTION

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the actual count (by ballot, on Tuesday afternoon) showed 312 for and 188 against.

The very long resolution (over 1,200 words, or the equivalent of nearly two columns of this paper) was moved by two members of the Board, H. Lembiz, Lacombe, and C. J. Stimpfle, Egremont. It was explained that it had been drawn up with the advice of lawyers, and A. B. Hadland, Executive member, stated that to amend it without legal advice might make it ineffective.

Summary Difficult

To summarize the resolution is difficult. It would have empowered the Board to expel any member for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Association; by expressing, teaching, writing, etc., the views, opinions, etc., or membership in or "attendance at meet-

Two Million Migrate

But Five Million Left

NAPLES, Italy. — Since the end of World War II, about 2,000,000 people have migrated from West Europe, chiefly to Canada, Australia, and the U.S. Population experts estimate that Western Europe as a whole has still 5,000,000 more inhabitants than it can support. Italy alone is estimated to have a surplus of 3,000,000. These figures were presented at the Migration Conference convened by the International Labor Organization here.

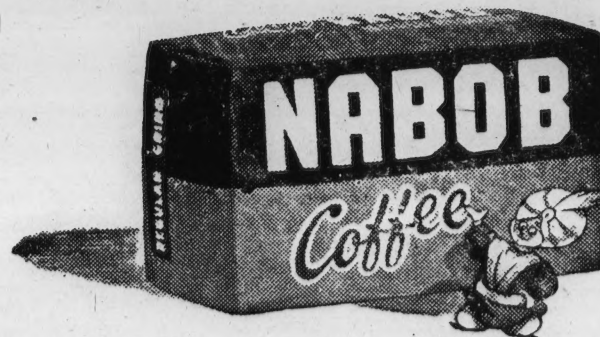
ings" of any group or association, etc., which advocated, encouraged, etc., or "believes in" overthrow of the government of Canada or any legal subdivision of Canada by violent or unconstitutional methods; or who advocates or approves of the teaching of Communism "or any other similar philosophy or philosophies." Directions for taking action for expulsion were laid down in considerable detail. Only appeal against expulsion would be to the Annual Convention.

All this legal procedure would not be necessary, said Mr. Stimpfle, if the organization were not under the Societies Act.

Among those who supported the resolution were delegates who spoke of the organization being damaged by the "taint of Communism" and stated it was difficult to secure new members under these circumstances; L. F. McIntosh, who said the resolution was aimed at members of a party who enlisted during the war, then "turned their coats at the behest of Moscow". Mrs. A. J. Cameron, Orrin Hart, and others thought there was no threat to liberty involved, but that persons who conducted themselves as they ought

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"Work, Good Fellowship and a Bit of Fun"

By JAMES R. McFALL

FOR eight days, November 14th to 22nd inclusive, 26 young farm men and women took part in the Rural Leadership Course at the Banff School of Fine Arts. These eight days were crowded with work, good fellowship and a bit of fun.

This was the second school of this nature sponsored by the Department of Extension, University of Alberta in co-operation with farm organizations. The course was under the supervision of Mr. S. O. Hillerud and Col. Cormack, with the Alberta Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, Junior Section of the F.U.A., U.F.A. Co-op and the Federation assisting by supplying staff and funds. Mr. Woodie Wagler, fieldman for the Alberta Wheat Pool, played a very prominent role as general chairman and chief assistant.

Basic Principle of Course

The basic principle of the course was student participation. All students had to take turns in chairing meetings for lectures, discussions and debates. They all had to prepare and give talks, take part in debates or other sections of the program. Preparation of press reports, minutes of meetings and different types of

business letters were included in their evening assignments, which were later discussed and reviewed with staff members. To assure that all students entered fully into all phases of the work and to provide advice and guidance, the class was divided into smaller groups of five members each and attached to that group was a staff member. This technique has been found to work satisfactorily. The last assignment of these working groups was to make a self analysis of the school and its operations, and how it could or should be improved. These reports and the general discussion that followed were found helpful to those responsible for the general planning and operation of the school.

The students taking part were selected by a committee representative of the sponsors. They were selected on the basis of present interest and participation in community

Farm Forum Panel at Banff



Taking part in the Farm Forum panel presenting the mock program described on this page were: from left to right in the background James R. McFall, Sylvan Hillerud (seated), Mrs. Annabel Omoth, Ohaton; George Wengreniuk, R.R. 1, Gunn; seated around the table left to right: Harold Schielke, Carstairs; Peter Berger, Parkland; Mrs. Larry Edwards, Three Hills; Jean Syrnuk, Hines Creek; and Larry Edwards, Three Hills.

activities, education and location. As a result of this last point students were present from Dimsdale and Hines Creek in the north to Parkland and Arrowwood in the south.

The fact that selection included participation in community affairs

brought out students well aware of leadership problems and with the desire to learn and gain experience so they would be better qualified to meet their problems.

Study of Radio Forum

The National Farm Radio Forum program was given careful study as a possible tool to assist with rural programming and leadership. Those present took part in a mock radio program under the direction of the announcers, and as members of the discussion panel. The program was produced along with music and introductions, just as it is heard over the air. The entire class then broke up into smaller groups for the purpose of discussing the questions provided in the Farm Forum Guide. They then reported to the Chairman who summarized the opinions for reporting to the Provincial Farm Forum Secretary.

As the mock program was looked upon as a first night, the Chairman inquired if those taking part wished to organize a regular Farm Forum group. After being assured that this was their desire, he proceeded with the election of Chairman and Secretary, and to lay plans for future meetings.

Appreciate Possibilities

Besides the practice gained in carrying out a discussion program, conducting a meeting and a sharp debate on parliamentary procedure, the students appreciated the possibilities of using Farm Forum in their community.

Miss Phyllis Ann Scott of Red Deer, on returning home, organized a Forum group on the following Monday. We fully expect to hear from many others, if not in Farm Forum, through other community endeavors.

If, as writer of this brief article, I may be permitted to express an opinion, it would be that this short course, now past its second year and the experimental stage, should be looked upon as an annual affair. The techniques used make it one of the most successful short courses in the field of leadership extension that we as Albertans have undertaken.

I am sure, on behalf of the students and local farm people to whom these young people will be a service, we can extend our appreciation to our University Extension Service and to the supporting farm organizations.

New Weed Killer

A hormone-type weed killer, reported to be in use in England and other European countries, is now being produced in the U.S. It is called MCP, and is said to be better tolerated by grasses, cereals and legumes than the herbicides presently in use. It is also stated that it is highly effective in the control of such weeds as Canada thistle, and other deep-rooted perennials.

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"Common Interest Demands United Action" — New Nuffield Scholar

F. U. A. President Advises Convention

"OUR common interest as farmers demands united action," declared President Henry G. Young in his annual address to the Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. "Let us forget all petty differences and concentrate on the basic objects for which this Union exists. If we can go forward into 1952 with that ideal in view, nothing can hold us back."

Must Eliminate Profiteering

To get "parity for agriculture," he said, it is not enough to get a certain scale of prices set for farm products; it is necessary also to "eliminate profiteering in the goods we buy." He advocated "full use of co-operative methods in both buying and selling," including, probably, producer marketing boards and co-operative marketing plants. On the buying side, he said, it means the full use of such agencies as the C.C.I.L.

"The possibilities here are limitless," he declared; "the only thing we lack is the will to do it. But real parity will be achieved in no other way."

Farmers' Position Deteriorates

Mr. Young opened his address with a survey of the crop situation, and the unfortunate harvest season. Apart from this, the position of western farmers had deteriorated during 1951; prices of farm products had remained practically stationary, while farm costs had increased radically. "It is now estimated that Canadian farmers receive about 11 per cent of the national income."

"The Canadian scene," he continued, "is characterized by the soaring cost of living and rampant profiteering by commercial interests. Profits of Canadian industry during the last two years have reached the highest point in history, and our cost of living has now achieved the same distinction." While public opinion polls had shown that over 75 per cent of Canadian people favored price control, price controls and excess profits tax had been repeatedly urged upon the Federal Government, without success. Investigations into the bakery combine and the match combine had lowered the reputation of Canadian industrialists.

In the organization, a three-fold task had been faced during the year: to bring income and expenditure into balance, to press for action on previous requests, and to meet new emergencies as they arose.

On the first point a measure of success had been achieved. Expenditures had been reduced by about \$13,000, and by this means a small surplus had been achieved. But more revenue was an urgent necessity; there was a limit in economy below which the organization could not go without crippling its efforts.

Commends Government

Mr. Young commended the Alberta Government's action in providing for a Farmers' Holiday on the second Friday in June and for abolishing the tax on colored tractor fuel and reducing motor licenses.

On the Rural Electrification question the Government was, "still clinging to the Power Companies' plan and ignoring the expressed opinion of all the main farm organizations of Alberta, including the F.U.A. and the A.F.A. and the Municipal Association." Neither had the organization been successful in securing Provincial action on the system of car insurance at cost which had been advocated for years.

The F.U.A., with the backing of the A.F.A. and the Municipal Association, had strongly opposed the export of gas, at least until the resources and requirements of Alberta are more fully determined.

Matters connected with wheat prices, quotas, transport, wheat board policy, etc., had been taken up with

the Federal Government. Mr. Young described the inter-Provincial Farm Conference held at Regina in July.

The farmers' case in the matter of domestic wheat prices was strongly presented by Mr. Young. During the five-year pool, he declared "domestic consumers of Canada were subsidized to the amount of at least \$48 millions by the wheat growers of the West," and in spite of protests, the Government was continuing "this unjust and indefensible policy."

Not the Wheat Board system of marketing was responsible for this injustice, said Mr. Young, but the policies of the Federal Cabinet. But unfortunately in the minds of some people the Wheat Board shared the blame.

Mr. Young expressed the hope that before long the farmers from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains would present a solid front, and said in reference to increasing costs to farmers, that a "non-buying strike... seems to me merits some consideration."

CO-OPERATIVE MILK COMPANY SECTION

A Dairy Farmers' Pamphlet

For your health's sake don't skimp on milk! This is the opening sentence of a pamphlet, prepared in attractive fashion by the Dairy Farmers of Canada, which we are distributing widely among consumers.

Milk is no luxury! It is pointed out that Canadians now have to work less time to buy a quart of milk than they did in 1939. Figures are quoted which speak for themselves. In 1939, an average hour's work in manufacturing industries paid close to 43 cents, enough to buy just over 3½ quarts of milk. Today, that same work pays \$1.18, enough to buy more than 6 quarts of milk.

A comparison of food costs shows that since pre-war days food costs have increased as follows: beef, 438 per cent; lamb 293 per cent; coffee, 195 per cent; eggs 135 per cent; potatoes 127 per cent; tomatoes 116 per cent; bread 82 per cent. Overall food costs have gone up 150 per cent, milk has gone up only 78 per cent.

(These are official Dominion Bureau of Statistics comparisons of costs of basic foods on July 3, 1951, with average prices for the period 1935-39.)

Remember, the pamphlet continues, milk is still near the bottom of the price lists — and still at the top of the nutrition lists!

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Top Holstein Price \$9,100

TORONTO, Ont. — Top price at the recent annual All-Canadian Holstein Sale in Toronto was \$9,100 — paid by the Oxford Holstein Breeders Association of Woodstock, Ontario, for a seven months' old bull calf, Glenafon Copyright, consigned by J. J. E. McCague, Alliston. The 68 head sold at the sale brought the excellent general average of \$1,173, compared with an average of \$1,072 at last year's sale.



Bruce Ellis, (24) of Hubalta, above, is the winner of the 1952 Nuffield Scholarship for Western Canada. He will reach the qualifying age (25) before the time comes to leave for Britain. He is President of the F.U.A. Junior Branch. Last year's winner, Orrin Hart, was a former President of the Junior U.F.A. and Alberta is greatly honored in having this distinction come to the Province in two successive years. The Nuffield Foundation, established under the will of the automobile magnate, who left \$150 millions for the purpose, includes in its program the provision of scholarships for young farmers from Britain and the Commonwealth. The other Canadian winner is Donald Smith (29) of Iona, Ont.

Hold Good Meetings in Peace River Area

Fifteen meetings under the auspices of U.F.A. Co-operative, Limited, have just been completed in the Peace River area. Nearly 2,400 persons enjoyed the program of sound films presented and listened with keen interest to the reports on the year's progress of U.F.A. Co-op. These reports were given by Douglas Smith, Supt. of the Farm Supply

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Dept. and Douglas Thornton, Educational Director for U.F.A. Co-op. Great interest was evident in the announcement of the cash payment now going out to patrons.

At Sexsmith, Oscar Gudlaugson of Clairmont, U.F.A. Co-op. delegate, presented his report on the recently held Annual Meeting. Wes. Eastman, delegate, reported at Brownvale and at Fairview, delegate Sam Simpson reported to his members.

Meetings were held at Grande Prairie, Wembley, Beaverlodge, La Glace, Wanham, Spirit River, Bay Tree, Sexsmith, Hythe, Grimshaw, Notikewin, North Star, Brownvale, Fairview and Hines Creek.

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Loans up to \$1,000 On Unthreshed Grain Provided

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery,
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Dec. 19th. — A measure of considerable importance to Western farmers passed late in the session of Parliament just ending is that which provides short credits to farmers by banks under Government guarantees to help those with unthreshed grain in their fields.

The problem which has faced the Western farmer when early snowfall and otherwise unseasonable weather had seriously affected the previous prospects of a fine harvest has been earnestly considered by Parliament.

Conditions in Brief

As Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who sponsored the bill in the House of Commons, explained, the banks will advance the loans, which will have a limit of \$1,000 to any one farmer. Government agrees to stand the loss up to 25 per cent of the amount of the loans. It is also provided that the total cost to the Government will not exceed \$5,000,000.

The banks will be able to ask the Government to make good its guarantee by October 1st, 1952. This date was set so that in case of necessity the farmer might be able to pay the loan on his delivery of next year's as well as the current crop. "The loans, however, should be fully repaid from the proceeds of the 1951

Farm Output Up 40%

LONDON, Eng. — Farming output in Britain is now forty per cent above pre-war output, states a review of the OEEC. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation).

crop," it was stated.

The banks in making the loans will take into consideration the quantity of unthreshed as well as threshed grain which producers will have for delivery when their threshing is completed or when elevator space is available. The banks will also consider deliveries which have been already made in determining the amount of individual loans. It is the intent of the plan that these temporary loans will be repaid as rapidly as possible, that is as fast as producers can deliver the grain. It is important to note that the loans are temporary and for a specific purpose. They are not in any sense a form of relief. "They are interim advances made available at commercial rates of interest to producers who have grain on their farms or who have crops which they have every reason to believe will be harvested in due course."

Sees Need Diminishing

The number of farmers needing these loans is diminishing, Mr. Howe pointed out. The situation has been eased or will be alleviated, for those unable to deliver their grain from this year's harvest, by the distribution by the pools of surpluses from sales of oats and barley as well as wheat from 1950-51 crop year. These payments have amounted to about \$130,000,000 and will be fully distributed by Christ-

WORLD CHRONICLE

Dec. 6th. — Egyptian Government refuses British demand for disarming police in city of Suez, in canal zone. Kurt Meyer's life sentence has not been changed, Canadian Commons told.

Dec. 7th. — President Nervo of UN assembly will have private talks with east and west representatives in order to try to break disarmament deadlock; pleads for at least "skeleton" East-West agreement. UN spokesmen at Panmunjom say they will now discuss withdrawal of troops from Korea, as urged by Communists. British will build bridge, to avoid trouble spot near Suez, in spite of Egyptian objections. Prague radio says widespread reorganization of Czech Communist party in progress, following disclosure that deputy premier was preparing to leave country. U.K. believed to favor White Russia over U.S. sponsored Greece as successor to Yugoslavia on UN security council.

Dec. 8th. — In Montreal, over 500 stores remain open; face legal action for contravention order to close on Roman Catholic holy days.

Dec. 9th. — Philippine Government considers evacuation of all 45,000 inhabitants of Camiguin Island, as volcanoes.

Of the present situation, the Minister said, the problem has changed. The amount of unthreshed grain has declined. When in Alberta, where the problem has been most acute (he was there earlier in December), the farmers in that Province had reduced the amount of unthreshed grain considerably. Over one half of the wheat crop had been threshed and threshing was going on in many rural areas. In Saskatchewan from 75 to 80 per cent of the crop had been threshed, and in Manitoba threshing is finished except in the Northwestern section of the Province.

Improved Transport Situation

Mr. Howe also referred to the improvement in recent weeks in the transport situation in the West. The transport of wheat in the last 30 days he stated has been very favorable. Up to October 25th shipments from country elevators had amounted to 150 million bushels. By December 6th these shipments amounted to 241 million. Navigation on the Great Lakes has been active this year longer than usual. By December 13th stocks at terminal elevators on the Great Lake system were very much reduced. It may well be that sharpened frost may put an end shortly to this navigation if it has not already done so.

The problems of tough and damp grain have been more serious this year even than last. There was no snowfall, that is complete loss in grain last year.

Tough grain has been sold as tough grain to a few countries, but this year there may be danger of spoilage and the problem is making the best use possible of drying equipment for damp grain. Unfortunately there has been no possibility of getting any new drying equipment, as by the time this is manufactured and delivered the problem would be over. The drying equipment we have is being used to the fullest extent and will be so used until the damp grain is disposed of.

Discusses Coyote Problem

Coyotes not only destroy young livestock and poultry, A. M. Wilson, Alberta's Field Crop Commissioner points out, but they provide a natural check on the losses caused by mice and similar rodents. Their normal feed is field rodents. While control is definitely desirable, in Mr. Wilson's opinion it is "probably unwise to look forward to complete eradication." The "coyote getter" must be considered the spearhead of attack, he states, since the deadly poison 1080 must be used with extreme caution.

cano continues to erupt; believed many hundreds already killed. Big Four reported agreed on new UN disarmament commission.

Dec. 10th. — France, Belgium, propose modified plan for command of European army, with limited central control. Canada offers another \$65 millions of arms to NATO (in addition to \$200 millions already sent.)

Dec. 11th. — At Panmunjom, Communists agree to UN demand for immediate talks on exchange of prisoners. Tehran mobs threaten deputies who oppose Mossadegh; ultimatum issued to western world to start buying Iranian oil. Second week of "twilight" war in Korea ends; some air activity, ground forces quiet. Britain will not ban atom bomb unless Russia at same time limits conventional arms, UN told.

Dec. 12th. — Cairo announces Egypt will recall ambassador from London. UN negotiators make concessions to Communists; admit one UN plane bombed neutral Kaesong territory on Tuesday, in error. Demonstrations, rioting, continue in Tehran. French state Viet-Ninh offensive crushed, in Indo-China.

Dec. 13th. — U.S., Britain, France, introduce revised disarmament plan in U.N.; still call for supervised, gradual, arms reductions. Truman promises special agency to deal with tax collecting scandals.

Dec. 14th. — Tehran crowds, said led by Communists, demonstrate against Mossadegh. British ambassador to Cairo will not be recalled, announced in London.

Dec. 15th. — Sabotage suspected in wrecking of British military train between Suez and Ismailia. Ottawa grants franchise for carrying Alberta oil to Pacific coast, to Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company (backed by several major oil companies and big American pipeline firm).

Dec. 16th. — British Newspapers express gratification instalment on repayment U.S. loan to be paid before year-end. New Delhi announces Indian government to sponsor birth control program. U.S. has doubled arms production since state of emergency proclaimed one year ago.

Dec. 17th. — Disarmament commission is new proposal of Soviet bloc countries, at UN.

Dec. 18th. — List of over 11,000 prisoners turned over to UN by Communists.

Dec. 19th. — Communists say UN list of Korean prisoners in phonetic English is useless; new list in Korean and Chinese to be supplied.

Farm Loan Board

Showing that there has been a moderate drop in the demand for loans during the year, the Canadian Farm Loan Board's twenty-second annual report, for the year ended March 31st, 1951, records that the amount approved during the period was \$4,722,000, or 9 per cent less than in the previous year when the demand reached the highest point for thirteen years.

At the close of the year the Board's investment in farm mortgages had increased by approximately \$2,000,000 to a total of \$28,458,000. Collections, which have been good in recent years continue to be satisfactory.

The Board, a Dominion Government Agency engaged in making long term loans to farmers, makes first mortgage loans up to \$5,000 at 4½ per cent repayable annually or semi-annually over a period not exceeding 25 years. The Board may make additional advances to bring the total loans up to \$6,000 in certain circumstances. Loans are made to pay debts, buy livestock and equipment and farm lands, and to erect and repair buildings and make other farm improvements.



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Reviews Farm Outlook



ROY C. MARLER,
President of the A.F.A.

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ility to renew agreements during periods of economic strain will serve as an acid test for international agreements."

Referring to proposals for an escalator clause, so that adjustments would be effected in periods when the world price was higher than the maximum price in the agreement, Mr. Marler said that such a clause would

A.F.A. Secretary



JAMES R. McFALL

have to provide (to satisfy consumer countries) provision for prices to drop accordingly during periods of lower prices. "If so, the benefits of agreements would be nil to both consumer and producers".

Proposed Domestic Price

As to the proposed domestic price above the agreement price, Mr. Marler believed that the living of agricultural people should not be based "on what we can sell our small amount of surplus agricultural products for (excluding wheat), in foreign countries who have much lower living standards than our own people enjoy — particularly our urban people; and he was apprehensive of any policy requiring our domestic consumers to pay a higher price than that at which we are prepared to agree to sell the major portion of a product such as wheat."

Discussing the "cost of production" as the basis for establishing agricultural prices, Mr. Marler concluded: "The terrific variation under which these products are produced, and which are beyond the control of man, leave me to believe that 'cost of production' alone can never be used as a basis for determining the price for which these products should be sold."

Applying Parity Major Problem

Mr. Marler went on to say that: "Many have urged sincerely and earnestly, the implementation of parity prices. First of all, it seems almost a human impossibility to arrive at a parity price because of the frequent changes in conditions affecting production. Also, the elements of yield may seriously disturb the ultimate results. We find in the parity program adopted across the line, that where the Government undertook to pay 90% of parity for the first two years with provision to lower the percentage during the following years, embarrassing surpluses occurred and resulted in support being withdrawn on some products. Perhaps in principle no one could say that parity is not reasonable, but to equitably apply it is a major problem."

Agricultural Support Act

Dealing with floor prices, Mr. Marler pointed out that support given by the Agricultural Support Board had cost the Government only 73 cents per capita since the program went into effect in 1946, up to March 31st, 1951. He dealt in some detail with "two schools of thought" with respect to the level at which floor prices should be set, one being that "the price should be high enough to represent a fair selling price; and the other, that the price should be somewhere near the cost of production, or such that would protect the farmer from ruinously low prices." He gave at some length reasons for his belief that farmers would be wise to accept support at the latter protective level.

Marketing Boards Favored

Marketing boards offered sufficient promise to warrant experimenting in marketing one or more agricultural products, the President believed. He called attention to the fact that the price of coarse grains (handled by the Wheat Board) had steadily risen since the crop year began, notwithstanding that stocks were twice the normal stocks, and there was one of the largest potential crops in these grains on record.

"We may rightly ask ourselves what our price would have been with these surpluses, had we not a competent body selling in our interests."

The result of the referendum on coarse grains in Manitoba had been gratifying evidence that the prairie Federations of Agriculture had been expressing farmer opinion.

"Another important consideration," Mr. Marler added, "is that the principle of marketing coarse grain through the Wheat Board is to some extent similar to what we are anxious to try out in commodity marketing boards. The Manitoba referendum will serve to show that farmers have the courage to accept the risk and responsibilities in trying to do some thing for themselves."

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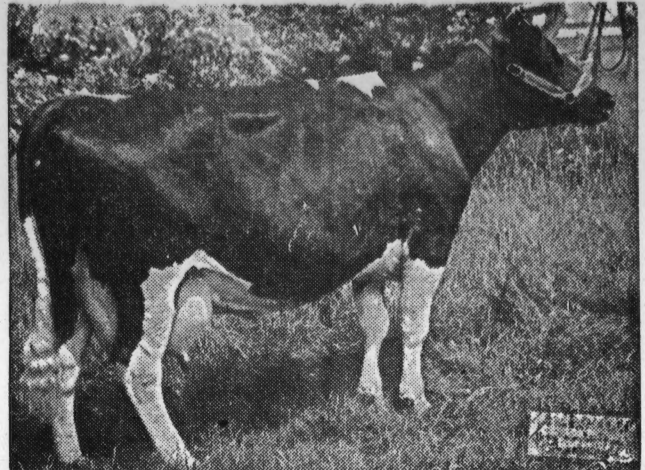
Processed Seaweed Has Many Uses

COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—A new industry, which uses vegetation and yet could hardly be classed as a branch of agriculture, is being developed in Denmark. It is the processing of the seaweed Red Alga which yields agar-agar. During the Second World War it was discovered that this seaweed grows to great perfection and in great profusion in the cold waters of the Kattegat. It is scraped from the bottom of the sea, and brought to factories on the mainland for processing. The final product, agar-agar, is used in the making of confectionery, jam, chocolates; it forms an ingredient of toothpastes and cosmetics; it is used in the sizing of silk fabrics and paper; it is made into pills and capsules. The waste seaweed, after extraction of the agar-agar, makes a valuable fertilizer.

There will be no special Christmas food rations in Britain this year.

The world's first atomic central heating plant is now in operation at Harwell, England.

Canadian Holstein Has 3 Records Above 1200 lbs. Fat



Seiling Royal Wing, bred and owned by Albert Seiling, Elmira, Ont., is the only Holstein in the world with three records above 1200 lbs. fat on official test. As a seven-year-old she produced 1219 lbs. fat from 28,505 lbs. milk (4.28%), as a nine year old 1215 lbs. fat from 28,714 lbs. milk (4.23%) and as a ten-year-old 1214 lbs. fat from 30,540 lbs. milk (3.97%).



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Sauerkraut: Slice cabbage; pack, not too firmly, into glass jars, leaving about an inch headspace at top. Add 1 tsp. salt to each quart; fill jars with boiling water and seal. Will be ready to use in about two months.—Thanks to Mabel.

Save Kitchen Towels: If hung on a nail, by first putting the nail through a cork, or an empty spool.

Potato Salad Bowl: Heat 1 tbs. fat in frying pan; toss in 1 cup bread cubes and cook slowly until crisp and brown. Combine ½ cup chopped celery, 1 cup diced cooked potato, 1 cup cooked navy or string beans, ½ cup finely shredded raw carrot, 2 tbs. each shredded green pepper and minced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. chili powder or paprika, 2 tbs. vinegar, 3 tbs. salad oil; add bread cubes.

Johnny Cake: 1 cup cornmeal; pour over it enough boiling water to make consistency of thick porridge; add 2 tbs. shortening; sift 1 cup flour with 4 level tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt; add to cornmeal, with 2 beaten eggs, 1 cup milk; bake in moderate oven. Serve hot, with butter and syrup.

"Our Goals For Post-War World" Defined

President of F.W.U.A. Addresses Convention

"Our goals for a post-war world . . . modern facilities adapted to the rural community, and an assurance of economic security . . . we can reach only if farm men and women join together in working for them," declared Mrs. Winifred Ross of Millet, in concluding an ably presented survey in her Presidential Address before the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta in Calgary last week, of the activities of the past year and the future aims of the Association.

"Surely," said Mrs. Ross, "there are no men today persisting in the old idea that the women are all right when it comes to boiling the coffee, making the sandwiches and washing the dishes after a big meeting, but when it comes to the really important questions, only wise, grown-up men are capable of making decisions. Let us put our organization machinery in good running order and get the maximum power through the membership of men, women and juniors."

"Knowing the contribution the Women's Section of the Farm Movement has made to the life of this Province, I do think that every farm woman should be encouraged to become a part of our organization, either in a joint Local or in a F.W.U.A. Local.

"Women have found that as individuals working here and there to better community conditions, they could do little, but as an organization they have been able to do things impossible individually. We are needed, both farm men and women, to work for the betterment of the rural community."

Expressing sincere appreciation to "Mr. Young, your President, to the F.U.A. Executive and Board, to my Executive, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Coupland, and to Mrs. Wahl, our Secretary," Mrs. Ross added that "their fine co-operation has made my term as President a very pleasant one."

Post-War Plans

Mrs. Ross recalled that "during World War II governments and organizations of every kind gave a great deal of money making plans for 'post-war reconstruction' — all having the ultimate goal of a higher standard of living for every citizen. Many of the schemes 'had been printed, read and forgotten. Many more were lost in the limbo of the Cold War.'"

The speaker recalled one of these documents on reconstruction "from no less familiar a source than the Alberta Government", in which it was set forth that:

"The need for modern facili-

Lines for Christmas

Sing heigh, sing ho, the mistletoe,
Sing heigh, the scarlet holly.

'Tis Christmastide, so far and wide,
Fling off all melancholy.
Let joy abound and laughter sound;

Let ev'ryone be jolly.
From ev'ry heart let hate depart,
To harbor it is folly.

Hark to the bells, their music swells,
The same sweet story ringing
A message hurled around the world,

That angels still are singing.
God grant that we this Yule may see

The Dove of Peace come winging,
And ev'ry land well understand
Glad tidings it is bringing.

For Christmas then shall bring to men

No thoughts of dreadful danger,
For they shall be as safe as He
Who lay within a manger.

Sing heigh, sing ho, the mistletoe,
Sing heigh, the sacred holly.
His Natal day shall be for aye,
A joyful time and merry.

So loose the flood of brotherhood
Upon the world's endeavor;
Then starry gem of Bethlehem
Shall shine on hatred never.

Let all the earth renew the birth
Told in the ancient story;

Then war shall cease, The Prince
of Peace,

Shall reign the King of Glory.
—SYDNFY MAY

ties adapted to the rural community and comparable with the services being rendered to urban communities, is the rightful heritage of the farming community; the assurance of an adequate reward for labour and protection from uncontrollable hazards are fundamental to a sense of security on the part of those engaged in agriculture."

"This was a dream for the future of agriculture in our Province," added Mrs. Ross, "and I quote it because it seems to me to sum up quite adequately our own aims in this organization, aims which it is our responsibility to achieve."

Organized farmers had achieved much in the past, pressure of economic conditions being compelling. "I sometimes wonder," said the President, "just what the picture of agriculture in the west would be today had it not been for the simple meetings held in country school houses by small groups of farmers. Out of these informal meetings have grown not only our great co-operatives, but much of our progress in rural communities in social welfare, health and educa-

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Organization was a first essential to better conditions for rural Alberta. But we still have some way to go before we can say that we have achieved 'modern facilities adapted to the rural community comparable with those of urban communities', or 'an assurance of an adequate reward for labor and protection from uncontrollable hazard'. These are still our goals.

"Two significant reports," on health and education, were discussed by Mrs. Ross.

Rural Young People Handicapped
After more than four years' investigation, the Canadian Research Committee on Education had reported "the dismaying fact" that more rural boys and girls drop out of school before finishing than do city and town boys and girls. "Yet if these young people intend to make farming their profession, it is now essential that they have a good general education and also technical training." Provision of options in rural high schools, one of which would be agriculture, was recommended by the Committee.

In Alberta, the larger school units had been factors in improving rural education in recent years, said Mrs. Ross. Moreover nine high schools in rural Alberta now provide classes in practical Agriculture. The F.U.A. should take the lead in an effort to establish eventually, vocational agricultural courses.

Health Grants to Provinces

The report of the Health Survey Committee dealt with the introduction of Federal health grants to Provincial authorities, as a preliminary step in the development of a national health insurance plan. Under the first stage of the program, thirty million dollars had been granted to the Provinces for specified purposes. Mrs. Ross served on the Survey Committee which made recommendations to the Government.

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Farm Women's Executive for 1952



Taken last week during the progress of the Convention, the photograph reproduced above shows the three ladies who will form the Executive of the F.W.U.A. for the coming year. They are, left to right: Miss Molly Coupland, Lethbridge, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Wainwright, President; Mrs. W. L. Barker, Conrich, Second Vice-President.

Urge Training of Farm Women for Leadership

F.W.U.A. Holds Third Convention

By MARJORIE K. STILES

ONE of the most popular resolutions dealt with by the Farm Women's Union of Alberta in their Annual Convention in Calgary last week, was presented from the floor of the Convention by Mrs. Porozni, Willingdon Local (Master Farmer Award 1951) requesting that some means be provided for training more farm women to take positions as leaders at the Local, Constituency and Provincial level.

Passed Unanimously

This was passed unanimously, and many helpful suggestions were given as to how it could be worked out.

Mrs. Roberts from the Waterton Lakes locality said their Local was already taking an excellent course from the Extension Department of the University of British Columbia, which was working wonders in their Local. A suggestion from Mrs. Pharis, of Magrath, was that the Farm Youth Leadership Course conducted at the Banff School of Fine Arts be repeated the following week to include F.W.U.A. members. Mrs. Taylor proposed such a course might be held in conjunction with Farm Women's Week at the Schools of Agriculture. "But you would not get the women who really needed it to go to such places; it is the bashful women in the smaller locals," Mrs. Hezbey, Lloydminster said. She suggested a course, with all members participating, be held at the Constituency Conference. The matter of how it is to be worked out was left to the new Executive.

Mrs. Ross Retires — Mrs. Taylor President

Mrs. Ross who has served as President of the former U.F.W.A., as well as President of the F.W.U.A., said at this time she would be unable to stand for re-election owing to illness in her family, and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, of Wainwright, who had been Vice-President during the past year, was unanimously elected to succeed Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. Taylor, a former teacher, comes from a grain farm. She has been keenly interested in all community affairs, explaining how one of her "pet" projects (the rest room at Wainwright), was concluded by "forced labor". When they ran out of volunteer labor — and funds to hire help — she persuaded the principal to let the high school students pour cement; and when they couldn't get windows,

she helped make them herself, for she is something of a carpenter, having a basement shop of her own. She is also chairman of the Wainwright Library Board and was the cook and inspiration of the first youth leadership camp at Czar Lake last summer, of which I will tell you more later.

Mrs. Taylor said she would take for her personnel motto as President the words of the hymn with which the Farm Women's Union Convention opened, "I pray that I shall have a loyal heart, a constant mind; the courage to be true."

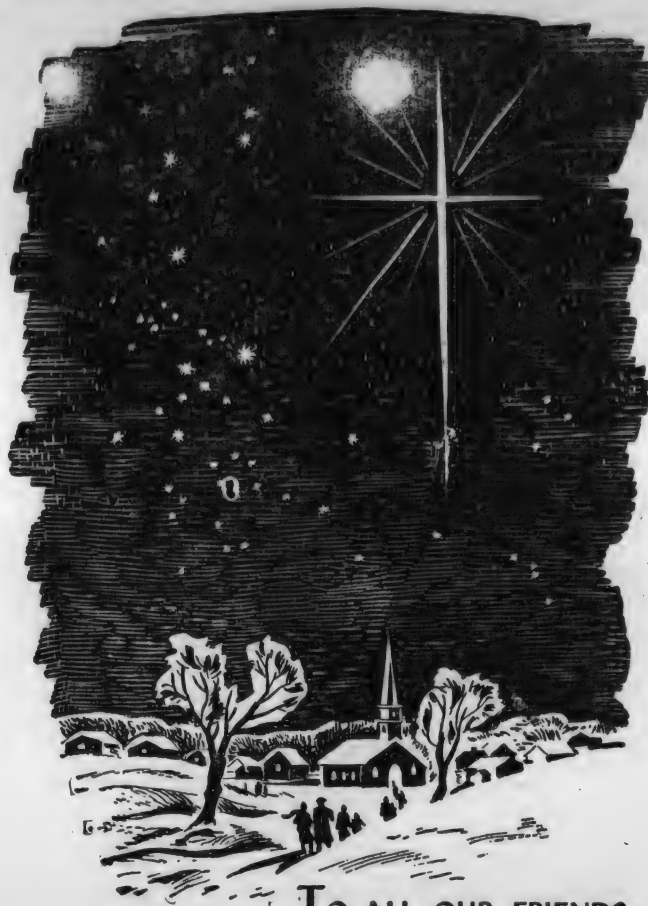
Miss Molly Coupland of Lethbridge was elected First Vice-President. She owns a small irrigated farm and has been active in the farm organizations since she was president of the Junior U.F.A. some years ago.

Mrs. W. L. Barker, of Conrich Local, was elected Second Vice-President. Mrs. Barker was instrumental in bringing much pleasure to the delegates in providing musical entertainment and leading community singing at both the men's and women's sections. One of the highlights was the selections of the choir or glee club composed of members of the Conrich F.W.U.A., a number of whom, including Mrs. Barker, had been members of this Local since its organization twenty-five years ago.

Handicraft Display

Over 400 articles were shown at the Handicraft display, which was in charge of Miss Fern Spencer, Parkland, and Mrs. B. Lyons, Westlock. A wide variety of articles was shown including knitting, embroidery, weaving, petit point, housedresses, quilts, shellwork, oil paintings, Ukrainian Easter Eggs and woodwork. Miss P. Mewha and Miss M. Fraser of the Department of Agriculture judged the handicrafts, awarding the first three prizes to Namao, Hillside and Parkland.

In her report to the Convention, Miss Fraser said handicraft is really a form of art to be done in the spare



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Would Set up Divorce Courts for West and Add to Reasons for Action

Granting to the four Western Provinces of the right to grant divorces for specified reasons in addition to the present one of adultery, rape, sodomy, sodomy and bestiality, is proposed in a resolution from the Board of District 7 of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta which was adopted at the Annual Convention of the Union in Calgary last week.

"True Support of Marriage"

The resolution sets forth that the changes proposed are "expedient for the true support of marriage, the protection of children, the reduction of illicit unions and unseemly litigation, the relief of conscience among the clergy, and the restoration of due respect for the law."

It is proposed that the Western Provinces have power to grant divorces on the following additional grounds:

1. Desertion without cause for at least three years.
2. Cruelty since the celebration of marriage.
3. Incurable unsoundness of mind of the respondent who must have been under continuous care and treatment for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the commencement of the action.
4. Presumption of death of the other spouse.

time and for pleasure, and therefore the work should be good. The crocheted tablecloths and bedspreads, Miss Fraser said, were the best she

had ever seen, but in comparison the housedresses and aprons were poor. She said never mount crochet work on colored paper, as there is danger of the paper running when handled by moist fingers. Miss Mewha said there were more groups entered than last year and the work was of a higher standard, so she felt the members were improving in their workmanship.

Forty of these articles were donated to be auctioned at the evening meeting by J. Jackson, Irma (the new

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would get into no trouble.

Arthur Hillson, opposing, said the resolution sounded "like the edict of a commissar" and another delegate said it was the "sort of thing Hitler did before he destroyed his country" while James Jackson asked: "Are we going to become Fascists because we're afraid of Communism?" Later, Mr. Jackson, a former A.F.U. president, now F.U.A. vice-president, said that last year, listening to Convention broadcasts, he had thought farmers had lost their sense of humor. Another delegate remarked that there were laws against sedition and governments perfectly capable of enforcing them. R. H. Hawley said the two men objected to had been removed in a democratic way by their districts, without resort to "objectionable tactics".

Later, a resolution was carried with little discussion requiring Board members to take an oath of loyalty to the "fundamental principles and institutions of our democratic form of government in Canada", to the King, and to the organization.

Election of Officers

Henry G. Young, Millet, was re-elected President of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, to serve a second term, defeating A. B. Hadland, Baldonnel, B.C. Others who were nominated for the office, but withdrew, were: A. B. Wood, Dewberry; Orrin Hart, Claresholm; James Jackson, Irma; R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; Carl J. Stimpfle, Egremont; M. H. Ward, Arrowwood K. V. Kapler, Strome; Geo. Roth, Red Deer.

"It was his ambition to lead a united movement, declared Mr. Young in a short address following announcement of the result of the ballot. He had

endeavored not to encourage any faction.

Mouthpiece of Organization

He paid tribute to the support he had had in the "past troublesome year," especially from Mr. Hennig and Mr. Hadland. He reminded the delegates that the president was not the organization but only, at times, the mouthpiece of the organization.

An organization could not afford to depend altogether upon its leaders. "Don't expect that I won't make mistakes once in a while," he said, "but I assure you it won't be for lack of good intentions."

James Jackson, Irma, was elected vice-president, defeating Messrs. Hennig and Stimpfle.

Others nominated, who withdrew, were A. R. Hadland; A. B. Wood; George Roth; R. N. Russell, Athabasca; K. V. Kapler; Ray Garneau, Wainwright; Orrin Hart.

In addition to President Young and Vice-President Jackson, the Executive includes A. B. Wood, R. Hennig, and C. J. Stimpfle. Others whose names appeared on the ballots were George Roth; Ray Garneau; Arthur Hillson, Elnora; A. B. Hadland; Uri Powell Sexsmith; and R. N. Russell. L. E. Pharis, Magrath, and M. W. Ward, who were also nominated, withdrew.

Ask Drastic Board Change

Demanding that the Canadian Wheat Board be removed from the control of the Federal Government, a resolution was carried which also proposed that the Board be composed of three farmers, one from each of the Prairie Provinces, two export experts and one representative of the elevator companies, "or such other membership as the Farmers' Unions of the three Prairie Provinces shall decide."

L. E. Pharis thought this naming of personnel too indefinite, and C. J. Stimpfle raised the question of

The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Supplies of wheat available for import and carryover in the four major exporting countries totalled 1,063 million bushels on Nov. 1st, 1951, as compared with 1,091 million bushels on the same date in the previous year.

Two Years Compared

The figures for the two years are as follows:

| | Nov. 1, 1951 | Nov. 1, 1950 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Millions of Bushels | | |
| U.S. | 500 | 648 |
| Canada | 524 | 378 |
| Australia | 28 | 52 |
| Argentina .. | 11 | 13 |
| | 1,063 | 1,091 |

While the above figures give an idea of the situation as it exists at the present time, it provides a rather incomplete picture. A substantial proportion of the Canadian crop is unharvested and will remain so until spring. Then, too, the Argentine and Australian crops are now in the process of harvesting.

From recent Australian reports, the 1951 wheat crop will total about 150 million bushels, compared with 183 million in 1950 and 218 million in 1949.

The Argentine crop is a failure, the latest reports indicating a yield of 129 million bushels. Average pre-war production there was 231 million bushels.

It will be obvious that the Southern Hemisphere will not have much of a surplus to supply the world's wheat demand for the current crop year. This demand is expected to run about the same as last year — about 900 million bushels.

World wheat production is forecast at 6,600 million bushels, compared with 6,320 million in 1950. The wheat crop in the deficit areas of western Europe with the exception of Spain is smaller than that of 1950, necessitating greater imports.

Canadian wheat supplies available for export and carryover as at November 1st were estimated at 523 700 300 bushels, compared with 378 million on the same date in the previous year.

financing. J. K. Sutherland declared that the problem of wheat marketing was so great that only the Federal Government could handle it, and Delegate Bell wondered if it would not be better to "keep what we have, rather than risk all?"

No mover was found for a resolution which would have removed oats and barley from the Wheat Board jurisdiction.

"That the International Wheat Agreement be reviewed and the price brought into line with present day costs; further that prices be set on a year to year basis" was the purport of a resolution carried by the Convention, by a small majority. It was supported by the mover, F. Maricle, who argued "Why should farmers always take the rap?", and by A. R. Hadland. Arthur Hillson supported the policy of year by year revision. Opposing, on the grounds, generally, that the agreement gave a measure of stability, and that any agreement must prevail in times of upward fluctuations as well as downward fluctuations, were C. J. Stimpfle, K. V. Kapler, J. K. Sutherland, L. E. Pharis, and others.

Earlier, with a rather light vote, the Convention asked that should it be the policy of the Federal Government to sell farm products at a lower price "than the prevailing open market price," farmers be compensated from the Federal Treasury.

(To be continued)

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 19th.
— Hogs sold yesterday \$27.75 for Grade A; sows \$18.25 liveweight; lambs \$31 to \$31.75, ewes \$16 to \$17.75. Good to choice butcher steers sold \$32 to \$34, down to \$27 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$31 to \$32.75, down to \$25 for common; good cows \$23.50 to \$24.50, down to \$19.50; canners and cutters \$14 to \$19; good bulls \$24.50 to \$26.25, down to \$20 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$29.50 to \$31.50, down to \$24 for common; good to choice veal calves \$34 to \$36, down to \$25 for common.

The Dairy Market

There has been no change in dairy prices. Locally, Special cream remains at 67 cents; No. 1 is 65, No. 2 is 56 and off-grade 50. Wholesale butter prints are 67 for No. 1, 64 for No. 2 and 60 for No. 3.

Egg and Poultry Market

Local egg prices are: A1 large 40, medium 36 pullets 33; A. 35 down to 30; B's 32. C's 27, crax 25. Rail grade or dressed chicken, over 5 lbs., are 43 for Special, 41 for A, 36 for B and 28 for C; 4 to 5 lbs. are 41 down to 25; under 4 lbs., 36 down to 22; broilers, special 44 down to 24 for C; fowl, over 5 lbs., 32 for A, 30 for B, 22 for C; 4 to 5 lbs., 30 down to 20; under 4 lbs., 27 down to 18.

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or two prisoners to the rear, might find the captives troublesome, or might feel their own security endangered, and so might shoot the prisoners if the deed could be undetected. But these facts in no way parallel those in the Meyer case.

No formal orders were ever issued to Canadian soldiers to shoot prisoners. If Canadians did so, it was an individual, unorganized action, carried out by soldiers of junior rank, in the heat of battle, in the front line area, in the light of circumstances which made it seem to the escorting soldiers that they had to kill in order to ensure their own safety. But once German prisoners got back to brigade or battalion headquarters — and they were in the majority — they were safe.

In the Meyer case, the shooting was apparently cold-blooded, organized, and unpunished by Meyer even though he clearly knew about it. The Canadian prisoners who were murdered had been moved a sufficient distance from the front line to have warranted their safety. The shooting was done about 100 yards from Meyer's command post. According to one German eye-witness, seven of the Canadians were killed by a senior NCO after they had been interrogated by Meyer's adjutant. After this, Meyer ordered his adjutant, in the presence of others: "In future we will take no prisoners."

There is no known instance when German prisoners were shot by Canadians after they had reached the safety of the rear, and had been interrogated by Canadian intelligence officers. If there were, then the Canadian commander who let such a deed go unpunished, and who openly encouraged the murder of prisoners after they had been escorted to the rear, would be as guilty as Meyer. Since no Canadian commander is known to have committed an action similar to Meyer's, it is entirely misleading to talk of a double moral standard.

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Pressure to Nullify

Coarse Grain Legislation

Editor, The Western Farm Leader.

Dear Sir:

The reluctance of governments to clarify the situation and make necessary amendments (if any) so that our coarse grains be marketed through the Wheat Board, is a clear indication that pressure is being exerted to nullify enforcement of the legislation already on the statute books respecting same.

To say that our political institutions are very susceptible to pressure groups tactics, and the lobbyist, is putting it mildly. Pressure groups and the lobbyist have become an integral part of our political process. They are the lawmakers today. Seldom have they been employed to further national well being. Pressure groups are more active and dangerous when the executive is weak, and the stakes high, and they are a continuous source of strife and discord.

Perversion of Constitutional Right

Yet, in a democratic society, the right to be heard, and the right to petition the government is almost unavoidable if we are to preserve freedom of speech. But the right to be heard and the right to petition is not the same as pressure. Pressure group tactics is a perversion of a constitutional right designed to protect individual rights. Pressure groups in this country spend millions of dollars every year to control our economy and deprive us of our individual rights.

The grain trade masquerading under the banner of "Free Enterprise" will undoubtedly mobilize all its strength and resources to prevent the marketing of coarse grains through the Wheat Board; though happily they have suffered a reverse in Manitoba.

George MacShane

Bowden, Alta.

News of Women's Locals

The last meeting of Standard F.W.U.A. was given over to preparations for their play, half the proceeds to go to the community hall.

To raise funds for a women's rest room in Wainwright, Ascot F.W.U.A. arranged to cater for a wedding reception, writes Mrs. Ethel E. Luciw.

Members of the Fairdonian Valley F.W.U.A. recently signed a petition protesting against withdrawal of their municipality's present hospital scheme, writes Mrs. Jas. Davison, secretary.

Canadian women last year bought an average of over eight pairs of stockings.

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Vice - President of the F.W.U.A. the money to be used for defraying the expense of rent for the handicraft room and providing a small prize for the winning Local.

Report on Education

Mrs. Russell Johnston, Helmsdale, convener of education, cited the shortage of good teachers, and the findings of the Canadian Research Committee on Education recommending greater emphasis on reading, writing and arithmetic, and broader choice in subjects in high school to meet the specific needs of pupils.

M. L. Watt, director of curriculum for Alberta Department of Education, pointed out that changes in curriculum become necessary as text books become obsolete (usually in eight or nine years) pointing out the changes in science — TV, jet planes, atomic weapons, etc., and in history and geography in the last decade. It takes about five years with five committees and numerous sub-committees working and revising to get a satisfactory curriculum, Mr. Watt said. He urged the F.W.U.A. women, as parents to

Health Service Co-ops' Growth Spectacular

OTTAWA, Ont. — Expanding in a spectacular manner from a membership of 38 in 1944 to 13,000 in the current year, the Cumba Co-operative Health Services organization of Toronto paid out over \$300,000 in hospital and surgical claims during the past year, P. J. Mulrooney, General Manager of the co-operative, announced at a meeting held here. He described co-operative enterprise as "fundamentally the Brotherhood of Man working in economics."

The largest co-operative gathering ever held here greeted the speaker at the meeting, which was attended by members and friends of credit unions in observance of "Credit Union Day."

keep in touch with local problems in education.

Mrs. E. H. Boalch, President Alberta Home and School Association, explained this organization which has 365 groups in the Province. She urged all farm women to get behind this movement.

Some Important Decisions

Among the resolutions dealing with education which were passed was a request that the Dominion Government establish a permanent Research Council on Education; that the F.U.A. take a more active part in formulation of Provincial educational policy; that more composite high schools be opened and that the Alberta Educational Council be requested to set up a scholarship board, to increase and publicize scholarships available for University, technical and agricultural schools; and that this board be partially made up of retired business men, educators, etc., who could give freely of their valuable experience.

After Mrs. W. Logan gave her report on International Affairs, a resolution was adopted that the F.W.U.A. join the Associated Countrywomen of the World.

Discuss Junior Affairs

One afternoon was given to the Junior F.U.A. The President, Bruce Ellis of Hubalta, presided. Including Junior delegates and those who came in for one day there were about forty. Julia Luka was the delegate from farthest away, coming from Hines Creek, 60 miles north of Grande Prairie. Bruce Ellis reported that they had given \$500 towards the youth leadership course at Banff from the Stampede Queen fund. It was decided to continue the Stampede Queen contest if possible.

In evaluating the worth of the Juniors, it was pointed out that the Conrich Local — only ten miles from Calgary, active for 22 years, had graduated 200 members, fifty of whom had attended Young Peoples' Week at the University.

Bruce Ellis urged adults to assist with Junior Locals; to see there was a program mapped out for at least six months in advance, which was suitable for local talents and needs, and to spread the responsibility among members so that all are contributing in some way.

Mable Rasmuson, of Gwynne, gave an excellent report of the Junior Federation Canadian Agriculture at Guelph in June. Muriel Bauer, Lacombe, reported on the recent Youth Leadership course at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Urges Closer Co-operation

R. L. Putnam, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, speaking on Rural Youth, urged closer co-operation between the Junior F.U.A. and the Junior calf, grain, garden, girls' clubs in his department, suggesting the older Junior F.U.A. members might act as assistant club leaders. In this respect some delegates reported success by having the calf club or grain

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club meeting first, and then adjourning it to conclude the evening with the Junior F.U.A. meeting.

Mrs. Ross Norman, of Paddockwood, President Women's Section Farmers' Union of Saskatchewan, said, while they do not hold separate meetings in the Saskatchewan F.U. they help the men through united action, and balancing the program with education and entertainment. "Always remember," she concluded, "Your organization is greater than any individual in it."

Mrs. G. Stotz, of Montana Farmers' Union, described their Leadership Institute in January and invited a carload to attend it.

To Consider Family Courts

Family Courts, which the F.W.U.A. have worked for, are to be considered by the Alberta Legislature in 1952, said Mrs. Harold Riley. From Vancouver to Montreal, Mrs. Riley said, in cities where Family Courts were operating, up to 40 per cent of applications for divorce were withdrawn and the parties reconciled.

Mrs. R. Clarke spoke on behalf of the Canadian Association of Consumers, which is sponsored by 56 organizations, and is trying to get contents of textiles marked on selvedge; have children's clothes marked as to size, not age; weight of soap flakes marked on package, and other improvements in merchandizing vital to consumers.

Mrs. S. P. Tacht, speaking on Social Welfare, stressed the need for assistance for incapacitated adults; with home treatment where possible and suitable ways for them to make a living taught. Dr. F. D. Ross of Edmonton spoke on the treatment of Alcoholics in Alberta.

Blood Transfusions for Expectant Mothers

Col. Tomlinson, Commissioner for Red Cross, said since 1947, 102,000 people in Alberta have received trans-

fusions from the Red Cross transfusion service. As one bottle of blood is worth \$15, he estimates this alone has saved the citizens of Alberta one and a half million. Regular transfusions are given expectant mothers and new born babies, where the RH factor is present, amounting to 1,500 transfusions a month. One hundred and thirty-two hospitals in Alberta receive this service.

R. N. Talbot, Executive Secretary for the Cancer Society said early diagnosis and treatment of cancer are still the biggest factors in the treatment. He described the new research cancer building under construction at the University, and said over half the money collected for cancer in Alberta last year was used for this.

Miss C. Jones, Director of Welfare at the Blind Centre, invited interested parties to visit this new centre. She said there are 500 blind people in southern Alberta. Talking books and braille are sent to them free.

J. R. McFall urged the F.W.U.A. to have more Farm Forums. Rev. Gordon Lapp brought morning thoughts, based on the story of Ruth, urging the farm women to build up such relationships in their homes, and to help newcomers to this country find a 'homeland' in Canada.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

This being the last issue of Mustard and Cress for 1951, this is to wish everybody who has had the courage to read it from issue to issue, a very happy and prosperous New Year. May your shadow never grow less and your lum never reek.

A.P. Dispatch from Fall River, Mass., says Donald Potter, 17-year-old youth, was turned down by the U.S. Navy because he had a tattooed nude woman on his arm, but was accepted by the U.S. Army as a paratrooper — tattoo and all. And at that, the nude lady will still be given the air.

We can understand the navy being shocked at a picture of a nude woman. As everyone knows only "Nice girls love a sailor."

IRISH MATHEMATICS

We got this one from the "Last of the Irish R.M.s" by Sir Christopher Lynch - Robinson: "The traffic sergeant took out his notebook . . . 'Ye did the mile in a minute and a half. A mile a minute is sixty miles an hour, a mile in half a minute is thirty mile an hour. Ye were doing ninety mile an hour.'"

Recite This After Third Cocktail
Father: "You can ask a question but make it short."

Small Son: "Well, when a doctor gets sick and another doctor doctors him, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctoring wants to be doctoring, or does the doctor do the doctoring of the doctor as he wants

to doctor?"—Thenx to J. F., Leeds, Eng.

Here follows a little poem that should be worth pondering on New Years Eve:

HALLOWED PREFACE

The world outdoors is now a holy place

Enfolded round and round
with angel wings
Of white. A feathered choir
no longer sings

Hosanna to the dawn and green
leaf lace

Becomes a memory. There is
no trace

Of footmarks written on the
snow, just rings

Of amber light God's lamp of
sunrise flings

About the moment in a loved
embrace.

The wild wolf wind, tired out
from howling, lies

At rest. Frail silence blooms.
Across the earth

The day comes winging, winging
as a bird

That bids the sleeping ones
unclose their eyes

And fill the book of hours with
deeds of worth

To match its hallowed preface,
word for word.

—Amy Bissett England, Montreal.

"My brother is in England after twenty-eight years in Winnipeg (Canada). He brought me a brooch as a souvenir from Canada. On the back of the brooch are the words: 'Made in England' " — From a letter to a London newspaper. Ah, well we wouldn't put anything past those Winnipeggers.

HIGHWAY IN THE RAIN

The road is a ribbon of satin
sheen,

Taut with its white dividing
line;

And lights of autos, twin sequins,
gleam,

Starring the narrow, dark
confine.

The tires whine, as they gather
speed;

(O Schedule—rigid as mind of
man)

. . . Driver, our silent heart-plea
head —

From Life to Death is so brief
a span!

— Ruth E. Scharie, Ottawa.

Aw, G'wan, Knotty Frankie, of course we know that the five-day week was invented by Robinson Crusoe because he had all his work done by Friday. But we'll bet, Knotty, that you didn't know that the Kremlin claims Robinson Crusoe was a Russian.

PLAIN JANE

She has no dimples,
Her eyes aren't blue.
Her hair is lifeless,
And a mousy hue.
Her cheeks aren't rosy.
Her mouth no shape.
Her neck's too long,
And, her plaits like tape.
She's five foot two.
As thin as can be,
And in case you didn't know —
That girl is ME!
Carole Cook, aged 13, of Marston, Beds.

Mary of Carbon tells us that the lifeguards at Alberta beaches during the summer were such poor lookers that it wasn't worth the trouble of trying to drown.

BOY, PAGE MAYOR MacKAY

Every week typists, shop girls and their boy friends turn up in blue jeans, check shirts and gay scarves to spend twenty minutes of their lunch hour in square dancing as guests of the B.B.C. Producer caller is David Miller. His usual get-up — blue Canadian jeans, yellow shirt, red and white spotted scarf. What, no Calgary white cowboy hat?

OH THESE WOMEN!

Ada: What's worrying you, this morning.

Maida: It's my husband. Last night I dreamed that some blonde was flirting with him and he was enjoying every moment of it.

Ada: Why worry. It was only a dream.

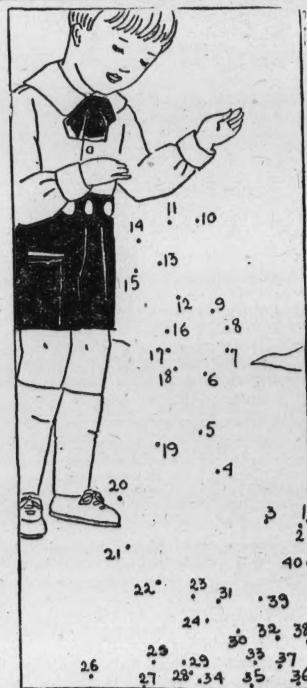
Maida: That's all very well, but if he acts like that in my dreams, what in the world do you suppose he does in his?

—Thenx to R.P.

Pietro Fabrizio, aged eight of Naples, says a news dispatch, had a stomach ache. Doctors removed from his stomach 79 nails, barbed wire, copper wire, two pens and 14 pieces of tin. This is what is known as an inside story about the metal shortage.

RING OUT WILD BELLS!

Little Folks' Puzzle



Walter is feeding his pet, which is rather an odd one. What do you think it is? If you would like a picture of his pet, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number forty. Use your crayons on this picture.

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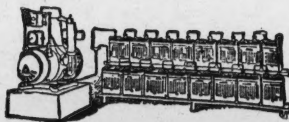
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